

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 324 - SB 481**

March 7, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes employees of a kindergarten through twelve (K-12) or pre-kindergarten public school who have a valid handgun carry permit to carry their firearms on school grounds during regular school hours if the school board has approved the employee to carry the firearm at the school; the employee is authorized to possess and carry a firearm pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351; the employee has completed training required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4217 for a school resource officer at least one year prior to the board's authorization; and the school board sends a list of approved employees to the Commissioner of Education at least one week prior to the beginning of the school year, one week prior to January 1 of that year, and one week prior to the end of the school year. Such employees may be authorized and approved to carry their firearms on school property beginning in the 2013-2014 academic year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, there will not be a significant increase in the number of firearm carry permits issued as a result of this bill. Any cost for training will be responsibility of the individual. Any increase in state revenue and expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Education, additional insurance will be purchased by LEAs that elect to authorize employees to carry firearms on school grounds. The permissive increase in LEA expenditures for additional insurance is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

- Any increase in local expenditures to send lists of approved employees to the state is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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